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GENEVA FOR US LOS DELEGATION

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS VE

SUBJ: LOS: VENEZUELAN DELEGATION TO THE THIRD UN CONFERENCE ON LOS

REF: CARACAS 1755; STATE 27826

1. GOV HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED ITS DELEGATION TO THE GENEVA LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, DR EMILIO FIGUEREDO TOLD POL COUNSELOR MARCH 14 THAT THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION WILL COMPRISE THE FOLLOWING:

AMBASSADOR ANDRES AGUILAR - HEAD OF DELEGATION. AGUILAR, A FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE US, LED THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION TO LAST YEAR'S LOS CONFERENCE IN CARACAS, WHEN HE CHAIRED THE FIRST COMMITTEE.

DEPUTY MARCOS FALCON BRICENO - VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO  
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THE US (1958-60), FOREIGN MINISTER (1960-64), AND AMBASSADOR TO

THE UK (1964-65). FALCON IS CURRENTLY AN INDEPENDENT DEPUTY ELECTED ON THE AD TICKET AND AN INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. BORN APRIL 4, 1907. SPEAKS ENGLISH.

AMBASSADOR SIMON ALBERTO CONSALVI - VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UN SINCE OCTOBER 1974 AND PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION. (SEE EMBASSY'S BIOGRAPHIC REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 1974) UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH BUT HESITATES TO SPEAK IT.

REAR ADMIRAL ERNESTO REYES LEAL - DIRECTOR OF THE VENEZUELAN MERCHANT MARINE SINCE FEBRUARY 1975, FOLLOWING DUTY AS DIRECTOR OF THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE (1973-74). BORN NOV 28, 1918. ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION TO THE 1974 CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE. SPEAKS ENGLISH.

AMBASSADOR RUBEN CARPIO CASTILLO - VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO CANADA SINCE 1974. FORMER AD DEPUTY, PROFESSOR AT THE CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF VENEZUELA, AND PROFESSIONAL GEOGRAPHER. HAS AN MA DEGREE FROM BOSTON UNIVERSITY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND GEOGRAPHY. LEADER GRANTEE TO VISIT US IN 1969. BORN AUGUST 5, 1925. SPEAKS ENGLISH.

AMBASSADOR ROMAN ROJAS CABOT - DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF FRONTIERS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SINCE 1971. VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO GUYANA AND BARBADOS (1969-71). A CAREER DIPLOMAT BORN IN BARCELONA, SPAIN, APRIL 16, 1929. EDUCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MADRID. SPEAKS ENGLISH.

DR ISIDRO MORALES PAUL - PROFESSOR OF LAW AT THE CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF CARACAS. IS AD PARTY'S CANDIDATE TO BE DEAN OF THAT UNIVERSITY'S LAW SCHOOL. SON OF A FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER, HE RECEIVED HIS LAW DEGREE IN 1955. SECRETARY GENERAL OF GOVERNMENT TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT (CARACAS) 1958-59. DIRECTOR GENERAL (VICE MINISTER) OF COMMUNICATIONS 1964-66. FLUENCY IN ENGLISH UNKNOWN.

DR FEDERICO MARQUEZ - HEAD OF NEW LOS OFFICE IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER AMBASSADOR ROJAS. NOT OTHERWISE CONFIDENTIAL

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KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY.

DR EMILIO FIGUEREDO - ATTORNEY, PARTNER IN LAW FIRM HEADED BY AMBASSADOR TO THE US MIGUEL ANGEL BURELLI RIVAS. WELL KNOWN TO THE USDEL FROM HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE. FIGUEREDO STATES HE WILL NOT TRAVEL TO GENEVA FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS OR SO.

2. COMMENT. THIS IS A STRONG DELEGATION, WHOSE MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY AGUILAR, FALCON, AND REYES, ARE GENERALLY WELL-DISPOSED TO THE US. FIGUEREDO TOLD POL COUNSELOR THAT THE GOV IS ANXIOUS FOR A LOS TREATY AND WILL WORK HARD FOR IT. HOWEVER, EMBASSY REPEATS ITS ADMONITION THAT BECAUSE OF GOV'S INCREASINGLY INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY AND IDENTIFICATION WITH THE THIRD WORLD, VENEZUELA IS LIKELY TO FOLLOW A LESS MODERATE LINE THAN DURING LAST YEAR'S CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE.  
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